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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 914, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 21st April 1920.

ABSTRACT.—Power to make rules under the Indian Census Act, 1920, delegated to Local Governments.

II

Notification of the Government of India, Department of Education (Census), No. 66, dated Simla, the 14th July 1920.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Indian Census Act, 1920 (IV of 1920), the Governor-General in Council is pleased to make the following rules for the enumeration of railway servants and other persons residing on railway premises and of persons travelling by railway.

Rules for the Census of Railways.

General.—The census of persons in railway areas, i.e.—

- A.—Persons residing on railway premises ; and
- B.—Persons travelling by railway on the night of the census,

will be carried out under the general direction of the civil authorities as part of the district census operations in each British Province and State ; the local railway officers co-operating with the district or State officers and supplying, when necessary, the staff of supervisors and enumerators required for the enumeration of the railway colonies and settlements, railway stations and the travelling public. The provisions of the Provincial Census Codes dealing with the definition of census terms, the description of the Census Enumeration Book, the organization of census divisions, house-numbering, the instructions to the staff, the preliminary and final enumeration and the collection and despatch of the provisional totals will be applicable to the census of railway areas subject to any modification necessitated by the following additional rules.

2. *Definition of Railway Premises.*—‘ Railway premises ’ includes a railway station within distant signals, a workshop, a colliery, a steamer ghat and all other premises within railway boundaries, on which permanent or temporary employees of the railway reside.

3. *Appointment of a Railway Officer to co-operate with the District or State authority.*—The Agent or Manager of each railway line will send to the Superintendent of Census Operations of each province, agency or State through which the line or a portion of the same passes not later than the 1st September 1920 a list of railway stations and other railway premises in each civil district or State together with the name and designation of the local Railway Officer (preferably the District Traffic Superintendent or some other officer of that standing) who is nominated to assist each district or State officer in the organization of the railway Census of the district or State.

4. *Duties of such Railway Officer.*—The local Railway Officer so nominated by the railway authorities under the previous rule will co-operate with the District Magistrates and the Census Officers of the districts and States lying within his jurisdiction in regard to the census arrangements of the railway areas in these districts and States and will furnish the District Magistrate or State Census Officer with any information the latter may require regarding such railway areas and the persons suitable to be appointed as Charge Superintendents, Supervisors or Enumerators.

A.—Persons residing on Railway premises.

5. *Organization of Railway Premises into Census Divisions.*—The organization of the railway premises into charges, circles and blocks will be undertaken by the Districts Magistrate or State Census Officer in co-operation with the local railway authorities. Large railway stations or settlements will form a census charge themselves with the chief railway officer of the centre as Charge Superintendent who would correspond direct with the District or State Census Officer. Care must be taken that no railway charge extends over more than one civil district or State. The ordinary railway settlement or station will be included in the civil census charge in which it lies, the supervisor being generally the local station master who would work under the direction of the civil Charge Superintendent of the charge in which his circle lies. Signalmen, gangmen or gatemen living in small houses or huts, whether within or without the railway fences, will be included either in the nearest railway station block or in one of the blocks of the nearest village or town and enumerated along with the ordinary population of that block.

6. *Registers and Forms.*—The railway charges, circles and blocks will be entered up in the ordinary Charge Registers and Circle Registers of the district or State. The number of enumeration forms required will be included in the abstracts that are sent up from time to time under the provisions of the Census Code or in supplementary abstracts.

7. *Appointment and Training of Census Officers.*—Charge Superintendents (of purely railway charges), supervisors and enumerators will ordinarily be employees of the railway residing in or near the areas with which they have to deal. They should be selected by the local railway authority but their formal appointment will be made under the signature of the District Magistrate or State Census Officer. Arrangements must be made to give them a thorough training in their duties and to supply them with the necessary rules.

B.—Persons Travelling by Railway.

8. *Station-Enumeration.*—An official called the Station-Enumerator should be told off at each station to enumerate all persons taking tickets at that station, or alighting from a train during the night of the 18th March. Persons about to travel usually arrive at a station some time before their train is due; and they should, so far as possible, be enumerated by the Station-Enumerator before they enter the train unless they can show that they have already been enumerated. Each person so enumerated should be provided with a pass to prevent his being counted again. Station-enumeration should commence at 7 p.m.

All persons alighting from a train should be asked if they have been enumerated already, and, if they produce passes or otherwise satisfy him that they have been, the enumerator should let them go. He should fill up *all the columns* in the schedule for each person who has not already been enumerated and give him a pass, telling him to show it to any enumerator who may wish to count him again.

9. *Train-Enumeration: Civil population.*—On the evening of the 18th March the guard in charge of the train should distribute Household Schedules to all first and second-class passengers and to all Europeans and Anglo-Indians travelling intermediate or third-class and request them to fill them in and give them up at any station at which they may alight during the night, or (if they do not alight) keep them till they are collected in the morning. The rest of the persons in the train will be enumerated on General Schedules as noted below.

All passengers who cannot produce passes, and who do not appear to have been enumerated anywhere else must be counted at some station at which the train can be stopped at or about 6 a.m. on the 19th March by one or more Train-Enumerators selected from the local railway staff. A place should be chosen where the train can be timed to stop for a sufficient period, which should, if necessary, be slightly prolonged. Where the local staff is insufficient for the speedy enumeration of passengers at this halt, a few clerks should be sent temporarily from another station. Each compartment should remain locked until the enumeration of the persons in it has been completed. Passes need not be given on this occasion.

The Household Schedules given the evening before to first and second-class passengers and others who have not alighted during the night should at the same time be collected and examined by an intelligent official, who should fill up the form those who have omitted, or are unable to do so for themselves. He should see that the schedules thus collected are securely stitched into a cover together with the General Schedules for the other passengers, thus forming a compact Enumeration Book for the train.

10. *Train-Enumeration: Troops.*—Troops travelling by rail on the night of the census will be enumerated by their officers, and the return separately sent in. But the Indian servants and followers travelling with them will be enumerated with the rest of the persons in the train.

11. *Provisional Totals.*—The station-enumeration and train-enumeration should be treated as constituting separate blocks of the circle (station) at which the enumeration takes place. That is to say, the Enumeration Books containing the result of such enumeration should be included in the census records of the circle under the heading "Station-Enumeration" or "Train-Enumeration," as the case may be. The supervisor of the circle should have the enumerators' abstracts prepared, showing the population of these special blocks, and should include the figures in his circle summary.

12. *Expenses.*—The necessary forms will be supplied by Government. The agency employed will consist chiefly of officials attached to the railway who will not ordinarily receive any special remuneration for their services. Government will bear all charges in connexion with the compilation of the results.

C.—Special arrangements.

13. *Lines under Construction.*—Arrangements for the census of camps and collections of coolies on lines under construction will be made by the District Census Officer with the Engineer or other Railway Officer in charge of the work. The camp will be divided up into circles or blocks and the supervisor and enumerators selected in consultation with the Railway Officer in charge.

14. *Ballast Trains.*—Ballast trains are usually stabled for the night in or near some station. The guard should be made responsible for the enumeration and his train should form an extra block of the station concerned. The record for these coolies should be prepared during the day-time on the date of the census and revised after dark.

H. SHARP,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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(By order)

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